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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Review of Entries to the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) and Renewables Portfolio Standard Cost Memorandum Account (RPSMA), and Compliance Review of Fuel Procurement for Utility Retained Generation, Administration of Power Purchase Contracts, and Least Cost Dispatch of Electric Generation Resources for the Record Period of January 1, through December 31, 2010 and for Adoption of Electric Revenue Requirements and Rates Associated with the Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU) Initiative.

Application 11-02-011
(Filed February 15, 2011)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to December 14, 2014.

Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. In this proceeding, the statutory deadline is October 15, 2014.

On October 17, 2013, the Commission issued Decision 13-10-041, which resolved all issues in this proceeding but also ordered a workshop to be conducted where Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and other interested parties shall develop proposed criteria that should be used to determine what constitutes least-cost dispatch compliance, and the resulting methodology PG&E should follow to assemble a showing to meet its burden to prove such compliance for use during the 2014 record period and subsequent inclusion in PG&E's Energy Resource Recovery Account compliance application in 2015. This proceeding was left open to consider PG&E's report on that workshop. The workshop was held on January 22, 2014 and PG&E filed the required workshop report on February 21, 2014. A proposed decision on the proposed methodology is expected to be issued before the end of 2014. In order to provide the parties time to comment on the proposed decision and the Commission time to consider and issue a final decision, an extension of time is necessary. Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until December 14, 2014, is appropriate.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Stephen C. Roscow is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is October 15, 2014.
2. A proposed decision is expected to be issued before the end of 2014.
3. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to provide sufficient time for review and to issue a final decision.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to December 14, 2014.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding, October 15, 2014, is extended until December 14, 2014.
2. Application 11-02-011 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.